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TOWN OF JERUSALEM
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

July 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town of Jerusalem Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Evans, on Thursday July 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called:

Present: R. Evans - Chairman

Excused: M. Coriale – Vice Chairman

Excused: E. Pinneo

Present: A. Toasperm

Present: D. Koop

Present: B. Pringle

Present: D. Gridley

Others present: Jim Barre, Neil Simmons, Jim Fitzgibbens, Lincoln Charles, Lisa and Lucie Saether.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by D. Koop and seconded by A. Toasperm to approve the June 5, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Ayes -5 Nays – 0) Motion carried.

THE PLANNING BOARD'S PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

THE PLANNING BOARD'S PUBLIC BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WIND FARMS – Chairman J. Barre addressed the Planning Board asking if they wanted the Wind Committee to move forward? R. Ayers has agreed to join this subcommittee. J. Barre feels that the committee can come up with a reasonable good plan.

B. Evans stated that the Wind Committee has been allowed a great deal of latitude. He would like to see the committee move forward and keep the Planning Board informed. D. Koop asked if the committee would be looking at a lesser wind power source. J. Barre stated that they were only looking at commercial wind farms. D. Koop would like other energy resources explored.

ZONING REGULATION REVIEW – Copies of the Zoning Subcommittee minutes were passed out. Annette Toaspern summarized the committee's progress since our last PB meeting. (see attached minutes) The committee met on 6/25/08 and continued work on the Town House Concept. D. Wegman was guest at this meeting. He presented a very different look to the Town House concept: instead of 11 units all together, two sections of 5 each. D. Wegman would like zoning written so no variances would be required. D. Wegman asked the committee for a recommendation of positive interest. The next meeting will be July 24, 2008 at 9 AM at the Town Hall. Shawna Bonshak, Yates County Planner has been invited to attend this meeting.

SUBDIVISION REPORT – Nothing to report.

LOW IMPACT ZONING AMENDMENT – Lincoln Charles attended the meeting to address the Planning Board, his interest in moving his light manufacturing business to the Town of Jerusalem. The zoning currently says no manufacturing. Mr. Charles would like to see people making money from their own land. You do recognize the need is good for the town to work locally and is a valuable thing.

Motion: B. Evans so moved to substitute Planning Board for Zoning Board in the document in question. D. Koop seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. (Ayes – 5; Nays – 0)

N. Simmons asked B. Evans to bring forward to the Town Board – Supervisor Daryl Jones and to make sure it gets on the agenda.

TOWN PRIORITIES FOR 2008 – 2009 – Discussion among the Planning Board brought the following recommendations: Alternative Energies, Agriculture, Subdivision, Townhouses, Agriculture Protection, Grant Applications, Affordable Housing for people that cannot afford taxes, Expand Subcommittee for Zoning Regulations, Move the matter of Wind Farms forward, make a more concentrated effort to encourage the Mennonite community to come to our township.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS – J. Barden has resigned as chair of that subcommittee. The subcommittee has come up with a 40 page document. This will be one of the major tools of planning that the town will have to use. Shawna Bonshak has been asked to review the document. It was suggested to put an appendix in the Subdivision Regulations. A. Toaspern said a lot of time has been put into this. This document has had legal review and a grant. D. Koop said it was very well done and ready to pass. B. Pringle stated that the town needed this. We taxpayers have paid a lot of taxes because of legal fees. It is time to pass.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM was made by B. Evans and seconded by B. Pringle. MOTION CARRIED. (Ayes -5 Nays – 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Caves

Attachments:
Copies of the following:
-Minutes of Zoning Changes 6/25/08